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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brown, you're recognized to open on your motion to return to Select File for a specific amendment.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This amendment is a bill that I sponsored to clarify conflict of interest provisions for local elected officials and to make it more consistent with the way that we handle our conflict of interest provisions. It is a bill that the League of Municipalities has been concerned about, and it has advanced from committee several times in the past. This year it advanced unanimously, and this is an appropriate vehicle, and I believe that Senator Schimek supports the inclusion of this in her bill. And I would be glad to answer any questions. It's actually a fairly simple concept. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. You've heard the opening on the motion to return for a specific amendment. Open for discussion, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. The amendment that Senator Brown is requesting here was actually LB 519, and it was heard by the Government Committee on February 24. It did come out with amendments, came out on a 7 to 1 voting with 1 person absent. It was supported by the League of Municipalities, Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission, and an individual who came in on his own behalf. I think it's a good idea, it's a good bill, and I would recommend adoption of the Brown amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Further discussion on the motion to return? Senator Brown, there are no further lights on. You're recognized to close on your motion to return.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. President. This is a simple addition, and it's very consistent with the underlying bill, and I would move...would appreciate your adding the amendment. Thank you.